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Are We Ready For Consolidated Schools?

The Question of Consolidated Is One That Should Receive Serious Consideration in This District.

If there is one time of the year when nearly everyone becomes interested in the problems of Education that time is now when the annual school meetings are being held. Because of that interest it is fitting to raise the question of the larger possibilities of Education in our district. A very short stay in the village of Irma would be sufficient to convince any anxious parent that the child would get little or no inspiration from his school surroundings. What one sees is a small building—dilapidated inside and out. "Whatever may be the qualifications of the teacher this dinginess is a setback to be overcome each day." To wait until this building is crowded may be to let an opportunity pass that will not only mean the injury of the children, now of school age, but also put back the development of the community to an alarming degree. There are certain things which seems to be demanded of the village that is to grow to a town or even a city. "Everyone likes to have visions of the days that are coming." Good community feeling must be at the basis of other development and it will manifest itself in the maintenance of those public institutions which stand for enlarging the ideals of citizenship particularly in the realms of mind and soul.

We are very near a crisis in our school's history. We stand where it is very easy to think of stopping or accelerating forces that produce large results in educated the coming generations and our advance ought to be the desire of each citizen. These are the days when men are asking, what is best? Perhaps a brief survey of certain events in communities not so different from ours may help answer this question for our own school problem.

The Consolidated School movement in Western Canada may be said to have had its beginning in the schools of Holland and Virden in Manitoba in the year 1906. Since then the number has slowly but steadily increased. In 1916 Manitoba had 68 Consolidated Schools—mention Manitoba because most of the experimenting in Consolidated Schools has been done there, and by the people of the rural communities themselves. But while it has been an experiment one fact is quite evident. The Consolidated School is such an asset to the community that cost what it may—Once it established it stays. This is well worth considering. Rate payers that opposed school consolidation have been glad to bear their taxes, increased as they have been in some cases, because the school has proved itself to be of more value than the difference of tax could account for. It is not always the case that consolidation has increased taxes but as in an exceptional district such as the Balnor Consolidated school where taxes increased from \$30. to \$45. on the quarter section after consolidation the money was well invested. On the other hand, the Roblin Consolidated school was maintained at a cost of \$12. per quarter section. With these facts one can understand the School Inspector's statement.—

"The Whole Educational Attitude has changed in this section of the country. No where will you find people more alive to the necessity and possibilities of Education than

CALF FEEDING COMPETITION FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

At the Edmonton Spring Livestock Show, April 2-6, 1918

SERG. A. HARPER WRITES LETTER FROM FRANCE

Is Attached to Quarter Masters Section and is Busy.

Elsewhere in our columns will be found an advertisement setting forth a very attractive competition for boys and girls over nine and under seventeen years of age. All that is required is that the children must select a 1917 calf; and commencing on January 21st, they must assume full charge of this calf; feeding and caring for it in every respect until the time of the Edmonton Spring Show, April 2nd to 6th, 1918. No entry fee is attached, and the same will be given the children in the matter of payment of freight, as is given the exhibitors in other departments of the Show.

Fifteen prizes are offered, and

the number of special prizes, the first prize being worth not less than \$135.00, and possibly \$165.00, according as the prizes conform to the special added prizes offered by the purchased societies.

Here is a chance for the boys and girls in this district to show their ability in caring for live stock—and to win a prize well worth competing for in cash value, apart from the honor accompanying the winners.

W. J. Stark, Manager Edmonton Exhibition, will be glad to forward particulars to anyone writing for same.

School Meeting

All raters in the Irma school district are requested to attend a meeting which will be held in the school house on Monday, Jan. 21st at P.M. The annual report will be read. M. Ainsley, Secy-Treas.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ross school district took place on Thursday January 10th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graydon, 9940 50th Avenue, Edmonton South, where Mrs. Mildred McKay Crocker and George Albert Tripp, both of Irma, Alberta, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. McGougan, M.A., of Knox Church. Mr. and Mrs. Graydon, mutual friends of both bride and groom, acting as witnesses. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for Calgary, en route to California, where they will spend the winter, returning to make their home at Irma in the spring.

TRIFF-CROCKER

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STRAWBERRY PLAINS

Geo. Wilbraham has bought the Carter homestead on Section 10-45-8.

Mits K. McDonagh of the Merchants Bank staff, Edmonton, also visited the Point Farm at Xmas.

Mrs. Edmonds of Edmonton and Mrs. Chambers of Spokane were visitors to their parents home at the Point Farm for the Xmas holidays.

Julius and Gladys Stougaard, Leslie Brown, Wm. Rees, J. McKnight, Leo and Miss A. Donoghue visited at a family gathering of the Wilbrahams at the Point.

John Reed is busy hauling out coal to the old Gratton Oil Well. He has also hauled out of position the old boiler preparatory to installing a new and more powerful one, which is on its way from Southern Alberta.

Charlie Wilbraham went up to the Capitol on Friday night in order to see his sister Mrs. Edmonds who is in the Royal Alexandra Hospital having an operation on Tuesday which has been a successful one and she is going on satisfactorily.

Mr. Herb Campbell contemplates taking a trip in the near future.

Nobody really knows where he is going but we have a right to guess.

LYNX

Mr. Paul Paulson is with us again and is busy hauling off his grain.

Joe Petznan sold some fat steers the other day.

Mr. Geo. Osborn sold a load of hogs in Mannville recently and wears a broad smile over the returns.

The Government cattle brander was in this vicinity last week branding some of the cattle.

The stork visited the home of Glenn Brown last week and left an eight pound baby girl.

Ralph Marby made a flying trip to Mannville last Wednesday to get a job and got a frozen nose instead.

Mr. Joe Ralph has been nominated as councillor for this division and is very busy these days canvassing votes.

The Lynn School District held their annual meeting on Jan 12th. Mr. Joe Ralph was elected trustee in place of Will Bridgeman whose time had expired.

Mr. Vern Wilson made a flying trip to Kinsella and came home with a fine team of grey Perchons and a frozen nose.

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LOCAL NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF

Tell Your News to the Editor and He in Turn Will Tell Hundreds Thru This Paper.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. A. W. Toll is again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wyatt were at home at Jarow on Sunday.

The Co-Op has received a large shipment of dry good. Watch next weeks Ad for particulars.

Dr. J. A. Little of Wainwright was in town on Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. F. S. Johnston of the Alberta Lumber Co. spent the week end in Edmonton.

Mr. C. McLean arrived in town on Monday to take charge of the Lewisville school.

Mrs. F. A. McKenzie has returned from Edmonton, whence she spent the holidays with her daughter.

Mrs. R. A. Larson and her son, Alfred Manford C. Bourk left for Edmonton on Monday.

Nurse Bessie Tillapaugh has been called to Lamont on an important case.

F. W. Watkinson made a business trip to the Capitol the beginning of the week.

Dr. Mecklenberg, optician, will make a professional visit at the Irma Drug Store on Thursday, Feb. 21st.

Chris Creamer attended the Sutherland registered cattle sale and has purchased an Ayrshire cow, a young Holstein bull.

Miss Helma and Hans Christensen spent a few days of this week in Edmonton.

Rumor says that Cliff McKay is looking for a housekeeper. He should worry about the housekeeping as long as she is good looking.

Mr. Lee is back again after about a month's absence on a trip to Calgary. We expect soon to hear that the crew at the old Gratton oil well are at work again.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson recently remitted our subscription, that all correspondence sent in for publication must be signed with the full name and address of the sender. We do not publish the names but require them as a guarantee of good faith.

Ed Barber and Howard Herrick left Irma on Monday night to join up. There was a big crowd of their friends at the station to give them a send off. May they come back safe and sound is the hearty wish of this Times.

Farmers of the Irma district should make it their duty to attend the meeting of the U.F.A. on Saturday, January 19th. It is up to them to get the full benefit of this organization and they cannot do this if they do not attend the meeting.

A few friends met for supper at Mr. A. A. Dickson's on Monday to bid God speed to Howard Herrick and E. Barber on their departure for Edmonton to answer the first call to the colors under the Military Service Act. A large crowd at the depot gave the boys an enthusiastic send-off. We wish them good luck and a safe return.

Irma Choral Society.

The Irma Choral Society met at the church on Wednesday, Jan. 16 1918. A large crowd was in attendance and was greatly interested in the Consolidated Schools question.

A committee was appointed for the afternoon meeting, which as yet have been unable to fix a date. There will be a speaker from the Department of Education and everything points to a better and bigger meeting.

Date of meeting will be published later.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

On account of insufficient space we have been unable to publish all correspondence this week. Watch next week's issue.

The Irma Choral Society will meet at J. H. Elliott's on Wednesday January 23rd. Every member should attend this meeting. Don't forget the date.

Humphrey P. May

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January 18th, 1918.

THE RISKS OF THE WHEAT
GROWEROne of the Whys of a Guaranteed
PriceCurtain of Fire
To Fight Airmen

The anti-aircraft barrage is today the most dreaded enemy weapon which the airman has to face in his flights over the lines.

In the midst of a sea of bursting shells, the aeroplane bobs up and down like a ship in a violent storm. The concussions which the shells make in bursting produce a swift succession of air pockets and air bumps, and it is absolutely impossible to keep a machine steady through them.

Yet it is not possible to avoid flying through a barrage at times. The latest type of anti-aircraft guns can place a barrage as high as 23,000 feet, and it is not practical to turn about and try to climb over the barrage. It takes a very highly specialized scout machine to climb to 23,000 feet, and the heavier machines cannot achieve that altitude under any circumstances.

The longer the airman hesitates to run the barrage the longer he is exposed to the fire. Anti-aircraft gunnery at the front has now reached a point where the range is calculated to a nicely almost instantaneously by process of triangulation and, therefore, the flyer who hesitates is lost. The only thing he can do is to take his chance, just as a ship at sea takes a storm and accepts its chances of weathering the gale.

But should the war suddenly cease—what then? Ships could then be spared to go to India and to Australia for the purpose of bringing over the surplus that exists there, and this would seriously depress the price of the Canadian and American product.

The consciousness of this danger has caused many Canadian and American farmer to refrain from embarking as extensively in the business of wheat production as they otherwise would do, and in order to remove the timidity in this respect the Government has deemed it wise to guarantee a price until such time as they can readjust their business to meet the changed conditions after the war is over.

The reasoning of the Government appears to be that rather than run the risk of losing the war because of a lack of food, it can well afford to lose the difference between the guaranteed price and that to which wheat is certain to fall as soon as the war is over.

This condition does not exist as regards meat, especially pork. There is no country that has a surplus to throw on the market when peace is restored. All the great swine-producing countries are either at war or are so affected by the war as to have been compelled, through inability to import coarse grains, to reduce their output of hogs.

Before the price of hogs can sink to anywhere near normal levels, the following must have been accomplished:

The normal number of breeding animals must be restored.

Consumption must have reached approximately normal levels.

The present shortage of thirty-three million hogs must have been replaced.

It will take time to do these things; hence the decline in the price of hogs when the war is over will not be rapid.

These are some of the reasons assigned for guaranteeing the price of wheat and refraining from doing so in the case of hogs.

The engagement of a popular young couple here has been called off. It is said they quarreled over which loved the other most.

Germany is said to be short of lubricating oil. That must be the cause of the internal friction we hear of in Germany of late.

A young lady writes us that she is going with a nice fellow but suspects he has bad habits and inquires how she can find out for sure. Marry him.

Buglers on Parade

During camp parade of the buglers an Irish corporal was in charge. He was asked by the C.O. if all the buglers were present, when he replied: "No, sorry; one man absent."

"Well, then," said the C.O., "go and find him and ask what he has to say for himself."

A few minutes later Pat came running back, and shouted:—

"Shure, sorr, and weren't we a pair

of duffers not to know it? It war

myself. Bedad, sorr, Ol forgot to call

me own name, entirely, sorr!"

Spoke With Conviction



Leather: "Where did ye serve your time?"

Couldn't Dodge 'Em



She: "Besides, Alay, they say you cannot meet your creditors."

Alay: "It's not true; I meet them everywhere every day."

Efficient Girls—Very

As the fair graduates of a business college sat in their white gowns on the platform—a charming, picture—a gentleman asked the college president:

"And do you young lady graduates prove, as it rule—er—efficient?"

"Efficient? Humph. No less than 82 per cent, sir," the president answered, "marry their employers the first year."

A Fat Chance



Coster: "Why don't yer go in for it, guv'nor?"

His Medal

A military inspection was in progress, according to Frank Collarin, and a critic was surveying a picture-esque collection of raw 'uns. One exhibit provided a notable contrast in the line by reason of being several inches taller than six feet. The lanky one was hollow-chested and knock-kneed and paraded some other frills like freckles and warts. The conspicuous part of him, however, was a gold medal that covered his left lung.

The inspector paused. "I was about to rule you out," he said, "until I noticed your decoration. Possibly you have to your credit some great deed of daring—some memorable service to humanity."

"No," answered the recruit, "this here medal was won at the county fair by our cow."

"Say, Pa, are you growing taller?"
"No, my son; why do you ask?"
"Cause the top of your head is coming through your hair!"

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Write For Rules And Regulations

AUCTION SALE OF PUREBRED BULLS, THURS. APRIL 4.

Entries Close March 4.

AUCTION SALE OF PUREBRED HORSES, FRIDAY APRIL 5.

Entries Close March 5.

SHOW OF HORSES, SHEEP, SWINE AND FAT STOCK

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Briton and Hun

Germans Averse to Coming to Close Quarters

The difference between the British and German troops is strikingly demonstrated in the following letter from a Canadian Highlander now in hospital in England:

"It's not a case of blowing our own horn, or of the High and Low, to assert that we can lick Fritz hollow at the game of night-hunting. Rattaching we call it, and it's a fine art with us, but not by the way. The fact is that it's all the result of tenacious German. Our lads love it. Fritz hates it, or so we judge from the readiness with which he always thrusts up the sponge when he is caught in the act of shooting. That's a funny thing about the Germans. We've seen it over and over again. Put him behind a gun, a machine gun for preference, and he'll shoot them all down, until you get too near him to be comfortable. At a certain moment, however, he'll just collapse, suddenly and show 'Kamerad.' He doesn't like it, quarters. Of course, he's got the right means to oppose him for it. I don't know if he's on his face, into it to begin with. Our boys, believe me, don't need any forcing. I've seen night raids now for the last year, two, and all the fellows, from Prussians to Saxons, but I never knew anyone to hesitate taking part in them. In fact there used to be a sort of regiments rivalry as to who would be the first to do it. Now, don't think there's anything that goes on the German side. My idea is that there's a regimental rivalry there to get out of them. At any rate, as soon as it's restored, workers will not be willing to return to pre-war conditions of wage and living. I am convinced they will never consent to go back to them."

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German Artillery Losses

Secret Report of Enemy General Staff Found by French Army

The London Daily Chronicle corresponds with the French armies that are attacking the Germans. October 4, by the chief of the German general staff, and signed by Ludendorff himself, shows alarming losses in the German artillery. The report states that during the grand operations in it, a large number of guns lost by a single German army in a single month either by wear and tear, or enemy fire, is: Field guns, 870; heavy pieces, 100; and other words the Germans and workers are obliged to make or repair pieces to the extent of three-quarters of the whole artillery establishment, merely in order to maintain existing strength.

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No Bran or Shorts Allowed Exported

Farmers' Feed Supply Will Be Provided For

In order to assist in the campaign for greater production of food animals, the food controller announced that 1,000,000 tons of bran and shorts will be allowed to be exported until the Canadian requirements are fully met. The food controller is also considering the question of fixing prices for feed but has not yet decided what will be made available to the farmers at the lowest possible cost, and the profits of the dealers may be fixed as soon as information from the several provinces is secured in response to inquiries which have been sent out.

The government refused to allow the exportation by a large milling company of 143 carloads of bran and shorts but proposed to let them be sold to them by farmers without any charge for the government's service.

Applications for feed should be addressed to the food branch of the Ministry of Agriculture. Ottawa. Mr. Hanmer states that if necessary to insure the farmers obtaining feed supplies, the government will take total output of mill by-products and distribute it. He added that action would be taken at once in case of complaints that the mills were requiring the purchase of flour with offals. This practice must be discontinued.

A small feed branch of the Dominion department of agriculture is being established in Winnipeg to serve Western Canada.

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Lord Leverhulme, head of a great English soap industry, the capital of which is 200 million dollars, has very positive views on the effect of the great war on the international status of the nation's workers. Lord Leverhulme is himself a model employer, having provided for his work people a town in which the live better, delighted in their work, and having provided also facilities by which they may secure direct financial interest in the concern in which they are wage earners.

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Morale of Allies is Splendid

Col. E. M. House Says British and French Determined to Win at All Costs

What the American mission was sent to accomplish at the war conference in Paris "has been successfully and satisfactorily done," was the message brought to the American people by Col. E. M. House, head of the mission, who returned to the United States recently with four of his colleagues.

"The United States is paramount," said Col. House. "In both countries the morale is splendid—the best I have observed on any of my three trips abroad since the beginning of the war."

"You mean the morale of the fighting forces?" Col. House was asked. "No, I mean the men in uniform and the people as a whole," he replied.

"Their determination to win without thought of the cost is admirable."

In reply to a question as to what the council decided to do with reference to war reparations, Col. House said the deliberations were concerned primarily with the economic situation. He declared what had been decided upon with reference to this situation would not mean the immediate demand for reparations "radically different" from those now operative in the United States.

Col. House said he did not discuss war aims while abroad. In his estimation, the decision of his mission's opinion was an "open and unbroken" one as to what Russia might be expected to do. Gathering of data in preparation for the eventual peace conference was purely incidental and entirely aside from the main purpose of the mission.

American representation at any further councils of an inter-allied nature, was entirely a matter for President Wilson's decision. Col. House said he "knew nothing of the president's intentions respecting the return of himself or other delegates to such a conference."

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Recommendations calculated to prevent speculative operations and to estimate the cost of food by retail or wholesale dealers in food, have been made to the food controller by the special committee, representing the wholesale and retail trade, which was called together by him. The regulations recommended by the committee are similar in their general outline to those adopted by the United States food administration, as the result of five months' study of the problem, during which time more than 100 conferences were held.

The committee favored a basic control of the handling of food products, which would eliminate all undue profits and yet not impose upon the consumer any undue restrictions, as compared with those upon other elements in the community.

The committee recommended the application of a license system to food, similar to that in the United States, in food commodities. License fees ranging from one dollar up are proposed. The committee also recommended abolition of secret commissions and controlled sales corporations. Other recommendations included in the report are: regulation of salesmen and delivery systems, in order to reduce the cost of distribution; requirement by the food controller of monthly returns showing stocks on hand of certain essential foodstuffs, so as to enable the food controller to check overstocking and to prevent hoarding; strict control over every branch of the trade in regard to profits. In this connection it is proposed to limit profits to a maximum percentage on turnover, and in no case to allow them to exceed the normal pre-war profits.

Why suffer from coins when you can be painlessly rooted out by using Holoway's Corn Cure.

Canada's Share

A subscription of \$300,000,000 this fall will bring the Dominion's war loan up to \$600,000,000. The proposed loan for the United States would be \$125,000,000 so we shall have to subscribe a third Liberty loan to overtake and pass her. However, Canada has lent the mother country some \$600,000,000, and, in addition to her population about equal to the \$75,000,000 we shall lend all allies in the first year of war. It must be considered also that the Dominion has been fighting for three years and has contributed a great proportion of her men—and there are no better fighters on any of the battlefronts—New York Sun.

The Madding Crowd

Newcomer (at resort)—"Is this a resort place?"

Native—"Well, it used to be until folks began to come here for a rest."

She—Do you think that people are less romantic and imaginative after they're married?

He—You don't know about the romantic part of it, but if they are going to try to explain everything, they've got to be more imaginative.

British Railways in the War

Government Control Has Successfully Solved Problem of Transportation in War Time

On the day England declared war on Germany, August 4, 1914, the government took over the property of the roads, and the general machinery of administration went as before. But the roads were under the general direction of an executive committee appointed by the government. The president was the general manager of an important road. Working with him were twelve other general managers.

There was an attempt to supersede the railway staffs in the management of the roads. But the main plans were outlined by the government, and the roads were operated in accordance with the system which had been adopted.

The government guaranteed each road a net revenue equal to that of 1913, and the government paid 4 per cent interest on new capital.

The great advantage of this plan was that the roads had to be operated as one system, without regard to whether such operation was calculated to cut down the earnings of one line and increase those of another. Each manager on the executive committee was responsible for his road's profits were no incentive to see that his road got its share of the business unless it was to the advantage of the whole transportation system that it got the business.

The American problem, of course,

is much greater than the British.

But the way the British government handled the situation indicates that it can be done in this country.—Kansas City Star.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

A young lady with a pet dog on an electric train asked the conductor if she could take the dog with her. When he said she could, she went to the platform and there stood gesticulating with the dog in her arm.

"Hurry up miss, hurry up! You are to get to New York don't you?"

"Oh, no, thank you. I only wished to show Fido where his mother lives."—Christian Register.

100 Reward, \$100

The reads of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dredge which has been lost in the Atlantic Ocean, and that is at Cattaraugus. The Cattaraugus dredge is taken annually and frequently to the Great Lakes, and the dredge is used to remove the mud from the bottom of the lakes, thereby destroying the strength of the System, thereby destroying the strength by building up the constitution and assuring nature in doing its work. The powers of Hail's Cattaraugus that they offer fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: P. J. CHENEY, Co., Toledo, Ohio, sold by all druggists, etc.

"In absolutely final!"

"Quite," was Dorothy's calm reply.

"Shall I return your letters, James?"

"Yes, please," answered poor James.

"There's some good material in them that I can use again."

BOVRIL

The Great Body Builder

A rich, velvety, milk chocolate containing an abundance of plump almonds—a quality that cannot be surpassed.

Sold everywhere.

Made in Canada.

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Canadian Designs For Industrial Purposes

Developing a Distinctive Canadian Productive Art

The war has cut off the supply of designs from Europe on which Canadian manufacturers depend and the Geological Survey is making an effort to develop a distinctively Canadian productive art, using as a basis the designs of the Canadian Indians and also designs from other countries.

Various museums scattered throughout Canada furnish a wealth of material for design.

Indian designs are taken from the

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An Unhappy Inference

Didn't Care for Theological Works of Any Description

A student assistant, engaged in reading the shelves at the public library, was accosted by a primly-dressed, middle-aged woman who said she had just finished reading the last

of Laura Jean Libby's writings, and that she should like something just as good.

The young assistant, unable for the moment to find a book to match Libby's equal, hastily scanned the shelf on which she was working and, choosing a book, offered it to the applicant, saying, "Perhaps you would like this, 'A Kentucky Cardinal'."

"No," was the reply, "I don't care for theological works."

"But," explained the kindly assistant, "I am a student, and enthusiastic, this cardinal was a bird."

"That would not recommend him to me," said the woman, as she moved away in search of a librarian who should be a better judge of character as well as of Laura Jean Libby's peers.

The food controller is being given authority to deal with importers and exporters and a general plan of licensing is being prepared. Before it is applied to any particular trade will be consulted.

Food in Jerusalem

In Jerusalem, bread costs 11 times as much as it did prior to the war. Petroleum costs 30 times as much as in 1914, and milk five times.

What Will It Do For Me?

YOU have heard of the great good this food cure is accomplishing for others.

You have come to realize that nervous diseases do not right themselves, and therefore feel the necessity of some treatment to help you back to health and strength.

Now comes the all-important question as to what Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will do for you.

Basing our answer on a knowledge of the restorative value of the ingredients contained in this food cure, and on the experience of those who have proven its curative powers under the most trying conditions, we want to tell you that:

It will make your blood rich and red.

It will nourish the starved nerve cells back to health and vigor.



Mrs. C. French, 104 Lansdowne street, Peterborough, Ont., writes: "I was troubled with nervousness, sleeplessness, frequent headaches and indigestion. For many years I was troubled with a twitching or fidgety feeling about my limbs, especially after resting, causing me to wake up at night. I would wake up out of my first sleep, even though I had been asleep only five minutes. I would lie awake for hours and could not get to sleep again. Any sudden noise or a disturbance would wake me up, my heart would palpitate and I would fear that something dreadful was going to happen. I had tried many remedies without success. A friend asked me one day why I didn't try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, as I thought I could at least give it a trial. I was skeptical at first, but decided to give it a trial. I was amazed at the results. I had been taking it for a dozen boxes. My nervousness of late had been cured. I can now eat and sleep well. I would like to recommend Dr. Chase's Nerve Food strongly, and would advise anyone suffering from nervous trouble to kind to use them according to directions."

It will cure nervous headaches by removing the cause.

It will strengthen the action of the heart.

It will correct the weakness and inactivity of the digestive organs.

It will restore energy, ambition and confidence.

It will prevent the development of nervous prostration, paralysis and locomotor ataxia.

Why not put Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to the test? We know that the formula is right: We have proven to you by thousands of reports from cured ones that this treatment positively effects cure, even in the most complicated cases.

We cannot do more. It remains for you to make the test. You have everything to gain by using this building-up treatment, for it cannot fail to be of at least some benefit to you.

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In our endeavor to give our customers the best we have acquired the agency for Fleischman's Yeast. It is fresh and dependable. We receive a fresh shipment every second day. For good results every bake day, give it a trial.

2 Cakes For 5 Cents

Blankets

You'll need extra covers for the bed these nights. It costs little to keep warm with blankets at our prices. We have a large stock of flannelette, union and all wool blankets. Better buy yours before it gets real cold.

The Flannelette Blanket of good bodied soft wool flannelette 64-80 in. in white or grey with fancy pink or blue border. **Per Pair \$2.75**

Super Grey Blanket a good, warm, serviceable mixed wool blanket in dark grey with striped border. **Per Pair \$3.55**

The Edmund Cotton-Fleece Blanket has a downy wool like finish. Warm as wool and lasts longer. Color tan. Size 64-76. **\$6.00**

The Kitchener is a splendid dark grey all wool blanket. For warmth and durability it can't be beat. **Per Pair \$9.00**

WOMEN'S RUBBERS

The Surety, a plain storm front rubber of medium weight. **Price \$1.00**

The Croquet, a plain low cut rubber for low heeled shoes. **Price .85**

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| Japanese Oranges | in boxes of 60 | 1.25 |
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| Cranberries | 2 lbs for 45c | |

Foot Warmers

Keep your feet warm and comfortable while driving around this winter. The Clark Heater for autos or buggies does the trick. The Clark Heater for Autos and Cutters \$2.50 & 3.65 Charcoal for Heater 3 bricks for .25

After Stocktaking Clean Up Sale

Men's Suits at Less Than Cost---Odd Sizes of Last Season's Goods At Pre-War Prices



Here's a chance that's not likely to happen again for some time. In spite of the talk of scarcity of clothing materials heard everywhere, we are clearing out all our old stock at prices that's practically giving them away. People in the know predict standard clothes of one style and color for everyone. Don't wait for the controller to cut down your clothing supply, buy an extra suit at our special prices. Every suit is marked at less than manufacturers prices at the present time. They're odd sizes left over from last year. They are in the way. We need room for new stock and we are willing to sacrifice profit to get rid of them. You'll need an extra suit sometime, and you'll pay about double for it if you don't buy now. Sizes range from 35 to 42. Prices are net.

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| Blur Serges, Reg \$13.00 | clear at \$9.50 |
| Black and white stripes reg 11.50 | clear at 7.75 |
| Brown slightly soiled reg 11.00 | clear at 7.00 |
| Pepper and Salt Tweeds reg 15.00 | clear at 11.75 |
| Brown Tweed reg 20.00 | clear at 14.00 |
| Grey Tweed reg 10.00 | clear at 7.35 |
| Brown Tweed reg 10.00 | clear at 7.35 |
| Black and white stripe tweed reg 13.00 | clear at 9.65 |

Mackinaw Coats

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| 2 only Khaki reg \$7.00 | clear at 6.00 |
| 1 only Black reg 6.00 | clear at 5.00 |

Sheep Lined Coats

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| Blue duck shell large beaverette collar, reg \$7.25 | to clear \$6.65 |
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GENT'S FURNISHING DEPT.

The Irma Co-operative Co. Limited

Irma, Alberta

THE FARMERS STORE

Standard Dress

A Probability

No woolens are to be procured from abroad for the civilian trade in Canada next winter. The men and women of the Dominion will either have to wear their old clothes or else take their chances on securing material from the few remaining stocks of wool now in the country. This is the message brought back to Edmonton by A. G. Calder, manager of the House of Hoblerin, who has spent two weeks investigating the condition of the woolen market,

—While in Toronto, Mr. Calder met Jaeger, the famous English woolen expert, by appointment.

From this authority Mr. Calder learned that the English mills simply could not undertake to ship orders to Canada. In England the stress of the wool shortage is felt to such an extent that the government is manufacturing standard suits in standard colors at a standard price for the men of the nation.

"If the war keeps up," said Mr. Calder, "this step will also have to be taken in Canada and a continuation of hostilities will in all probability see the men of this country wearing suits of simple blue, brown or grey, which have been manufactured by the authorities and sold at a set price."

How can the men of Edmonton make sure of having woolen suits next winter? Mr. Calder was asked. "Only by buying two or more suits now," was the reply. "We can't get wool from England, we can't get it from the States and they'll have to take their chances on securing clothes from the stocks already in the country. Personally

I can say that our firm has an immense stock of wool fabrics in bonded warehouses which has been stored for the present contingency."

Mr. Calder also supplied a little fashion note for the interviewer by saying that for spring wear the men of Canada and the United States will wear clothes of simple cut on narrow lines. There will be no foppishness. Trench belted suits will be bad form and sold only on cheaper models. Man's attire will be strictly de rigueur.

IRMA MARKET

(Subject to change without notice)

Wheat—

No. 1 Northern..... 201
No. 2 "..... 198
No. 3 "..... 195
No. 4 "..... 188

Oats—

No. 2 CW..... 72
No. 1 feed, extra..... 69
Feed..... 66

Barley—

No. 3..... 120
No. 4..... 113

Rye—

No. 1..... 150
No. 2..... 145

Flax—

No. 1 NW..... 300
No. 2 CW..... 282

No. 3 CW..... 260

Potatoes, per bus..... 1.25

Butter, per lb..... 40

Eggs, per doz..... 40

Flour..... 6.00

Sugar..... 2.25

Beef cows, per lb..... 4.7

Steers, per lb..... 6.9

Mutton, per lb..... 8

Hogs, per lb tops..... 16

Hay, per ton..... 5.00

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